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VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application ,
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application ..." with
the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.
60/196,297, entitled "NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS," filed
on April 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference
in its entirety.

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